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(c) what became of the remaining bags;

(d) whether any representation was made to the Collector of the district about the disappearance and blackmarketing of a considerable portion of the paddy procured, and if so, what the substance thereof is; and

(e) whether any enquiry was made on the representation to the Collector, and if so, by whom and with what result?

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" (a) No. Three hundred and one bags of first sort paddy and 475 bags of second sort paddy making a total of 776 bags of paddy (of $2\frac{1}{2}$ maunds each) were procured during the year 1948–49 from the ryots of Kalugodu village in Rayadrug taluk, Bellary district.

" (b) All the 776 bags of procured paddy have reached the Bellary Central Co-operative Stores Branch at Rayadrug.

" (c) Does not arise.

" (d) Yes. A petition was received by the District Supply Officer, Bellary, on 28th May 1949. It was alleged in the petition that the procuring agent had disposed of nearly 250 bags in the blackmarket and had stored the balance of about 200 bags in his own house. It was also alleged that the agent had delivered to the Bellary Central Co-operative Stores mostly inferior variety of paddy whereas he had procured mostly superior variety of paddy.

" (e) Yes. Enquiries have been made by the District Supply Officer, the Collector and the Police. The matter is still under investigation and appropriate action will be taken at the close of the investigation. The procurement agency of the agent has however been cancelled."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know when the complaint was preferred by the person concerned in regard to the disappearance and blackmarketing of a considerable portion of the paddy procured, through the Bellary Central Co-operative Stores? "

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" It is already in the answer, Sir. The petition was preferred on 28th May 1949."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Why has there been so much delay in investigating into the facts of this case and bringing the culprit to book? "

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" The correspondence has taken so much time, Sir."

Report regarding the working of the research institutions.

* 93 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Expert Committee appointed to review the working of research institutions have submitted its report and whether this Government will publish the same before taking action on their recommendations?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Government have received the report of the Expert Committee and the various recommendations made by the Committee are under examination in consultation with the Director of Agriculture. The question of publishing a synopsis or summary of the report is also under the consideration of Government."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" How long will this consideration take? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The report was submitted to the Government only in the third week of November. It will take some time."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Will it take years or months? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" As long as it is necessary." (Laughter.)

MR. PRESIDENT :—" It is a stock question and a stock answer."

Construction of certain buildings for the Stanley Hospital, etc., Madras.

11-45 a.m. * 94 Q.—MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the scheme for a new building previously sanctioned for the new Raja Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliyar's Lying-in Hospital is to be deferred;

(b) whether the construction of additional Nurses' quarters in the Stanley Hospital, Madras, has been deferred; and

(c) whether the construction of an infectious diseases block and mortuary in Stanley Hospital is deferred?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (a) The scheme for the reconstruction of the Raja Sir Ramaswami Mudaliyar's Lying-in-Hospital is being considered in connexion with the Budget Estimate for 1950–51.

" (b) The construction of additional Nurses quarters sanctioned in 1948 has been dropped; and in its place the construction of a third floor over the 'Nurses Home' at the Y.M.C.A. grounds, Madras, has been sanctioned to accommodate the nurses of the Government Stanley Hospital.

" (c) The construction of an infectious diseases block is being considered in connexion with the budget for 1950–51. There is no proposal before Government to construct a mortuary. The Surgeon-General will come up to Government if and when necessary."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" What is the distance between the Stanley Hospital and the place at which these quarters are now constructed? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The Stanley Hospital is two miles away from the place where these quarters are now being constructed."